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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action and Restriction Requirement dated June 14, 2005. Prior to further examination, please amend the application, and consider the remarks as set forth herein below.

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Please amend claim 17 as provided in the list of the claims below on separate sheets.